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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM BELGRADE DTD 15 SEP 1976

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DEPT PLASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

DEPT ALSO FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

PLEASE PASS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FBI DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS YO

SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE TO TWA HIJACKING

REF: SECTO 27042

1. DELIGHTED WITH SECRETARY'S MODIFICATION PRESS GUIDANCE
REFTEL. HOWEVER, TROUBLED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S
IMPLICATION THAT FBI POSITION ON PUBLICATION OF TERRORIST'S
DEMANDS WAS DIFFERENT FROM STATE DEPT.

2. SINCE GOY CONTINUALLY, PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY,
SUGGESTS CERTAIN CIRCLES (INCLUDING FBI) IN USG SUPPORT
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CROATIAN TERRORISTS, DEPT EFFORT TO DISTANCE ITSELF FROM FBI

IS GRIST FOR YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA MILL. IT IS POSITIVELY
HARMFUL TO AMERICAN POLICY TO SUGGEST THAT DEPT IS WELL
MEANING BUT INEFFECTUAL WHEREAS OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
(INCLUDING FBI) ARE EVILLY MOTIVATED BUT EFFECTUAL.
ALTHOUGH I AM NOT PRIVY TO ALL THE FACTS I DO NOT
BELIEVE THERE IS ANY REASON FOR US TO BE SO DEFENSIVE
PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS
IN BELGRADE. NEEDLESS TO DAY, YUGOSLAVS WERE
TITILLATED BY PERFORMANCE OF DEPT SPOKESMAN.
SILBERMAN UNQTE ROBINSON

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